

# Mustang Daily

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Archives

## Reagan's talk eyed dubiously

by ROGER VINCENT

Ronald Reagan will speak here a week from Saturday. What California's governor will say and why he came here to say it still are matters for speculation. Little enthusiasm was generated in the university president's office by Reagan's acceptance as commencement speaker. Dr. Robert E. Kennedy went ahead and gave an official invitation to the governor as requested by the Senior Week Committee.

## SAC sets airstrip use moratorium

by DENNIS McLELLAN

A resolution calling for a moratorium on land usage of the campus airfield for purposes other than an airstrip was approved Wednesday night by the Student Affairs Council.

The council voted 6-4 to endorse the resolution written by students of the Aeronautical Engineering Department. It asks the Administration to follow these guidelines:

—Have the Aeronautical Engineering Department establish the document of procedures that will be taken in the running of the airstrip, on a limited, student project, direct curriculum related basis.

—Have the Administration forward this to the Chancellor's legal counsel for its recommendation. Have the legal counsel confer with members of the California State Board of Aeronautics on the safety and legal aspects of running the airstrip, on this limited basis.

—The moratorium on airstrip usage would last until the legal counsel has made its decision.

The controversy over the airstrip began with Pres. Robert E. Kennedy's decision to close the Cal Poly Airstrip for reasons of safety.

Jim Wylder, spokesman for the aero student group, read a May 30 memo addressed to Kennedy from Robert G. Valpey, dean of the school of engineering and technology.

The memo recommended the airstrip be closed to all aircraft except those which are certified as having a direct and immediate relationship to the curriculum.

The memo further recommended that "consideration of such (continued on page 5)

But in his own words, "I was not highly enthusiastic. I was also almost sure he wouldn't accept."

Reagan was the No. 1 choice for a speaker of the Senior Week Committee, the group traditionally planning graduation activities.

Originally the committee hoped to persuade the governor to appear through a personal invitation from Vice-Chairperson Jeanette Hall, but she failed to gain an audience. Speculation on what made Reagan decide to come later focused on former Cal Poly Vice-President Harold Wilson, now an educational adviser to the governor.

Kennedy discounted that theory. He told Mustang Daily Tuesday:

"Harold Wilson had nothing to do with it. He was not enthusiastic either."

A call to Wilson in Sacramento seemed to contradict the president's version.

"I encouraged him to come," said Wilson. "I can only make recommendations but my personal angle helped. I had some influence. I sounded enthusiastic."

Wilson explained that he had been contacted by the Senior Week Committee which asked him to persuade the governor to appear. He also attributed Reagan's acceptance to the governor's approval of Cal Poly's emphasis on "occupational areas." This will be the only public post-secondary institution where Reagan will speak at a Commencement this year, according to Wilson.

Meanwhile Kennedy is bracing for the protest reportedly formulating on campus.

"All I can say is that if I had my way I would never bring a controversial speaker, but that's not what guides the decisions around here."

Earlier Kennedy had stated that he was, "Afraid of just the kind of reaction we've been getting. I don't want anything to happen that would spoil Commencement for the parents and seniors who worked so hard to get there. And anyone who (continued on page 6)

## Mustang ends for '73-'74

Mustang Daily will end publication for the 1973-1974 academic year today.

Mustang Daily will resume publication once a week beginning June 27.



This English plate rubbing, taken from among a collection now on display in the bookstore by Graphics major Del Penny.

## Student's hobby involves ancient brass engravings

by DIANE BOOTH

If you ever find yourself in a parish church in England, wondering what that fellow is doing on his hands and knees, peering under pews and

searching beneath rugs, don't be alarmed, he's just hunting for brass plates.

Del Penny, a Junior Graphic Communications major at Cal Poly spent 4 months hitchhiking around various counties of England in 1970-71. He would go to the churches and canvass the interior for plates. Much of his present collection was discovered by accident.

The plates date from the 1100's to the 1800's and are of great historical and aesthetic value, adds Penny. They commemorate people from a wide variety of society—knights, women, children, religious figures and wool and sheep merchants to mention a few. "The deceased's relatives would send to Flemish Belgium, Northern France or sometimes to Germany to have a sheet of brass engraved with the image of the deceased," says Penny. "The sheet was then sent back to England and sunk flush into a slab of concrete under which the deceased was buried," Penny said.

To obtain a rubbing of the plate, detail paper is taped over

the plate and a hard crayon, halfball, is rubbed over the embossed plate, creating an effect similar to rubbing a coin with paper and crayon.

Different color combinations are used, such as black on white, silver on black and gold on black. Many colors have been combined and some rubbings have been reproduced in full color.

It takes Penny from 8 to 8 hours to do a rubbing of a normal size plate and he estimates it takes him anywhere from 12 to 18 hours to do a large plate, depending on the condition of the plate.

Penny estimates that there are approximately 1,000 plates to be found throughout England. Many were partially or completely destroyed when the German bombs fell in World War II.

Penny has plans to return to England in September, as a foreign exchange student to add some of the earlier specimens to his collection. He is taking orders or requests for his rubbings and his present collection which is on display in the bookstore is available for sale.

## Help needed for San Luis kid programs

Volunteers are needed to work with youths in a variety of summer activity programs sponsored by the San Luis Obispo Recreation Department.

Carol Frost, president of the Student Community Services group here, said that volunteers need not work full time and can arrange their work schedule with the Recreation Department.

The Summer Recreation Playground Program lasts from June 26 to August 31. Activities take place in the afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at five locations: Quintana, Hawthorne, C.L. Smith, Teach and Sanhelmer elementary schools. Playground activities include arts, crafts, music, drama, sports, special events and nature programs. For one week out of the summer program, each program will engage in nature-oriented activities at different parks in San Luis Obispo. The week will culminate in an overnight campout at Laguna Lake Park.

The San Luis Obispo City Library will participate in the summer recreation program by sponsoring story hours and crafts for children. Volunteers with interests in children, reading, puppets and the like are urged to participate.

Volunteers are needed also to help handicapped children join in activities with non-handicapped children.

People interested in the recreation program, Frost said, should contact Student Community Services in Room 317 of the University Union, or call the ASI office at 846-2476.

## 'I am the one who so many seek'

On January 31, 1909, Meher Baba, "the Avatar of the Age" died—or as his followers prefer to say, "dropped his body." Thus completed the sacred mission of a man whose followers claim to have been Jesus Christ.

According to Earl Brocken, a senior accounting major and a devotee of Baba, Baba also is the incarnation of Krishna, Rama, Buddha, and Mohammad.

Meher Baba was born with the name of Merwan S. Irani in Poona, India on February 24, 1894. When Irani was 19 he met Hazarat Babajan, a Sufi saint and one of the five Perfect Masters. Babajan kissed Irani on the forehead causing him to experience a blissful state within him.

For months Irani went without sleep and food until another Perfect Master, Shri Upasni

Maharaj threw a rock at him hitting him in the exact spot where Babajan kissed him.

When the rock hit Irani he came instantly to the realization that he was God incarnated as man; known in India as the Avatar of the Age. According to Hindu theology, the Avatar returns to the earth every hundreds of thousands of years. His purpose is to bring man closer to God.

From 1913 to 1931 Irani remained in the company of the Perfect Masters. His name was changed to Meher Baba which means Father of Compassion.

In 1925, Baba observed a silence. He kept this silence for more than four decades. He reasoned his followers had enough of his sacred words and it (continued on page 4)



MEHER BABA



# STUDENT APPEAL

## SAC representative's duties questioned

**A S I needs summer help from students**

Editor:

The following letter was to be read at SAC Wednesday night. However, due to the actions of a few SAC members and the Chairman, the meeting was adjourned before this could be done.

Therefore I would like to see it printed with the appeal to those who read it to take an interest in your student government. Watch what your representatives do and get involved with your school council in or in some other manner and make student government work for you.

The Communicative Arts and Humanities Council would like to bring to your attention a problem which we experienced this year which could have serious consequences in future years. This problem is the important question of the SAC representative's relationship to the School Council and his responsibilities to the Council. The experience of the Communicative Arts and Humanities Council may serve as an example. In recounting the problems the Council has experienced we also wish to

express our displeasure over the lack of information we have received concerning the issue before SAC this year as a result of what we consider an inadequate job of representation by one of our SAC representatives.

The unfortunate resignation of Maureen Maloy deprived the Council and the School of an active concerned SAC representative. Unfortunately, while Greg Fowler was active,

his concern seemed to be lacking. This first became apparent during Fall quarter when he missed four Council meetings. This is a sufficient number to remove him from the Council. To avoid problems in an ill-defined area I merely asked him to improve his attendance which he did Winter Quarter. The problem appeared to have been solved without precipitating a crisis over Greg's status. Unfortunately, this

was only temporary. May 28th marked the fourth time this quarter that Greg has missed a Council meeting, almost all of these at the time the budget was being considered. Hoping to obtain some explanation from Greg at our meeting last night, the Council was again frustrated as Greg failed to show up.

It is perhaps unfortunate that the Council did not take action (continued on page 6)

Before most of you take off for a well deserved break from school, we would like those of you who would like to be an active part of the A.S.I. to join us.

There are numerous areas where the need for concerned and interested student input is great. We have the responsibility of appointing a great many students to important representative positions on Academic and University wide committees, as well as many liaison positions within the A.S.I. itself.

If you are interested, drop by the A.S.I. Student Government office in the University Union and simply leave your name and summer address. We'll be working all summer to coordinate the new government, and we will be in touch with you.

Help us make the A.S.I. credible and legitimate, as a benefit to the entire University community.

Scott Plotkin  
Mike Hurlado

## KCPR rebuts candidate

Editor:

In reply to Alan M. Fields' letter to the editor, Tuesday, June 4, I would like to clarify KCPR Radio's position regarding elections and political endorsements.

In his letter, Mr. Fields, candidate for assembly 28th District, accuses KCPR, "the student radio station," of ignoring his candidacy. He attributes this ignorance to the general apathy of the students, "who never ask embarrassing questions."

Evidently, Mr. Fields does not understand the nature of KCPR as a public radio station. KCPR is a non-profit, non-commercial station broadcasting as a service for the community of San Luis Obispo and for the students as members of that community.

As a non-commercial station, it is not KCPR's policy to endorse candidates for office, regardless of a candidate's position in the community or the university. Nor is it the position or privilege of the management of KCPR to support through editorializing

any particular candidate or issue.

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Deborah L. Williams  
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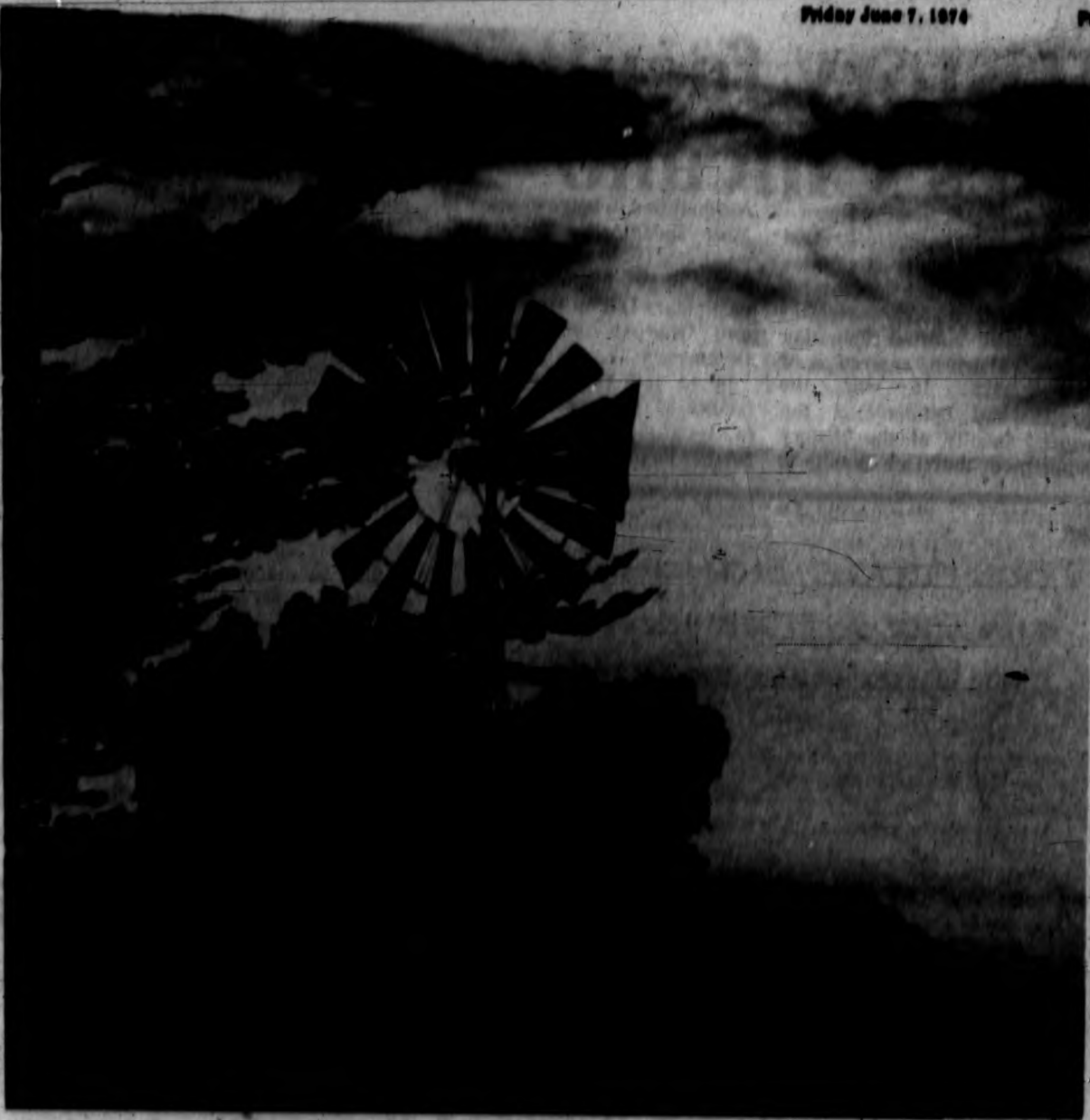
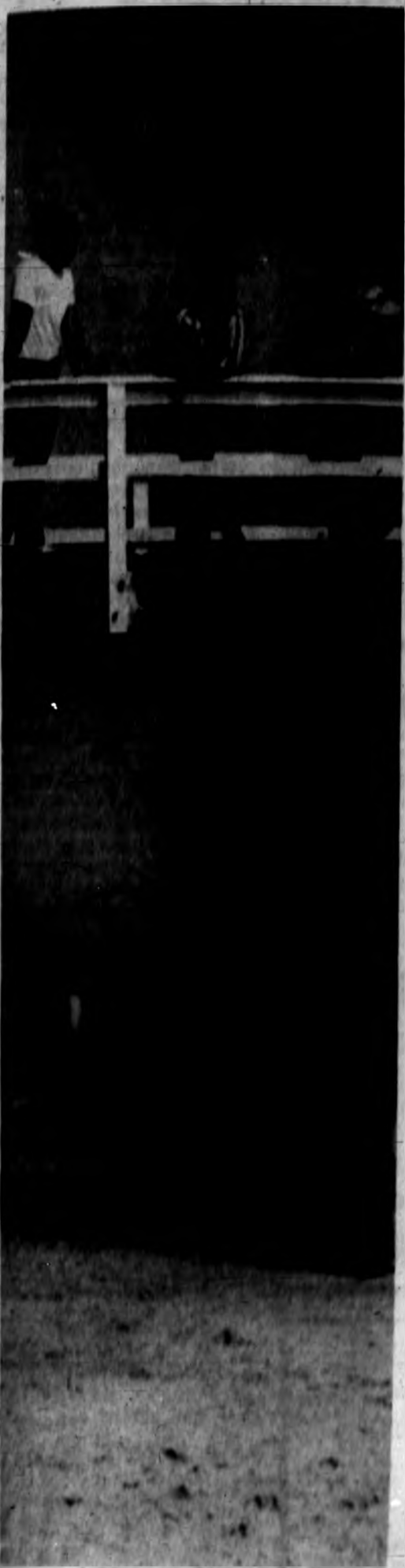
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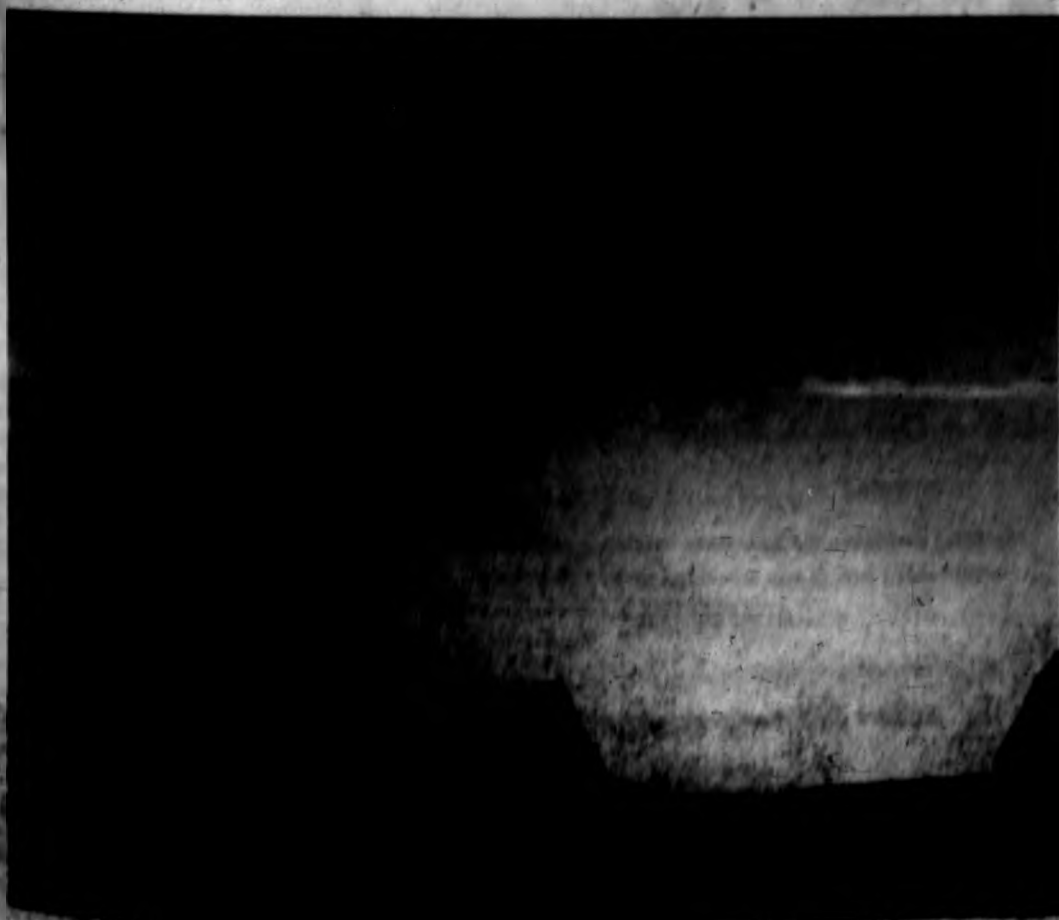
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of sunshine on our daily work.



by  
**Jerry Hernandez**



# History faculty axes Chicano

**Editor:**  
Once again the administration of Cal Poly has slapped campus Chicanos in the face. Dr. Richard Griswold Del Castillo was notified Thursday that he will not be rehired as of June, 1975. It was the "professional opinion" of the tenured faculty of the History Department that Del Castillo is

not qualified to teach in his field. More specifically, Del Castillo was found to be lacking in the fine points of two history courses in particular: U.S. in World Affairs and History of American Democracy. In an 11-1 vote, the tenured faculty of the department voted to terminate Del Castillo's position on the faculty despite the

concerted efforts of many students to keep him here. Despite a petition signed by many students attesting to Del Castillo's competency, letters of protest and community support from parents with children here, the faculty "voted" him out.

How long shall discrimination and racism be carried out by this lily-white administration under the guise of "professional opinion?" How long must a group of like personalities and interests be allowed to chart the destinies of people they neither care about or know (unless having eaten tacos is the background information they use to justify their actions)?

In the coming escalation of this conflict of subtle discrimination it shall be made clear that the decision of the tenured faculty was not based on the reasoning of wise and just men; it will be shown that they voted him out because they felt Del Castillo was not qualified to teach Anglo students!

It is the opinion of this writer that what is at stake is more than Del Castillo's job, career and life.

We must stop fearing new ideas and teaching methods. We have to begin taking our futures in hand.

Perhaps the History Department (tenured faculty) is concerned with maintaining high quality instruction in the department but it must understand that the high quality instruction it preaches has not been able to produce teachers that can meet the needs of Chicanos (nor many Anglos). An injustice has been done to a human being and we as students should not remain silent anymore.

Did the tenured faculty members use the student evaluation to make their decision? If so, did they give any value to the positive evaluation? And while we are on the subject of student evaluations, since when have tenured faculty members given any value to student evaluations of faculty? Could it be that they use these evaluations only when it is to their benefit? Carlos Ven

Political Chairman  
MRCHA

## Meher Baba after oneness in life...

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Baba was able to communicate with his followers through an alphabet board and later through a special sign language. Baba indicated that the breaking of his silence would come in such a way and time that no one could imagine it. His only miracle as God would be the speaking of this word.

According to Baba, when this silence broke, the impact to the world would jolt it out of its "spiritual lethargy." This silence would introduce mankind to the universal oneness of God which would bring about a universal brotherhood of man.

When Baba died in 1969 he did not break this silence. Many of his followers believe that only those that are so spiritually in tune with the universe were able to hear beyond the silence. Others feel that this word will be revealed at a later time.

According to Brockan, Baba is "God" and the "Absolute Truth." Baba said "I am the one whom so many seek and so few find."

Baba came not to teach but to awaken mankind from its spiritual sleep. Man according to Baba must come to the self realization that he is God. Until man finds out his true nature, he will be reincarnated until at last he becomes God.

Baba time and time again claimed to be Jesus Christ. Those looking forward for the second coming of Jesus will not be content with Baba's claim. After all Jesus said "See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many."

Baba would probably say "don't worry and be happy."

## Help needed for university cleaning drive

Student Community Services is asking the students, faculty, employees and administrators of Cal Poly to do their spring cleaning this week.

The 2nd annual Spring Cleaning Drive is under way this week to collect unwanted clothes and canned foods for needy families in north and south San Luis Obispo County, according to Bob Bonds, director of Student Community Services.

Canned foods and about any kind of clothing that hasn't been worn for the last six months to a year will be accepted. Collection points are located in the University Union Plaza, library lawn and the Administration parking lot.

Further information or assistance can be obtained Student Community Services at 545-2476.

## SAC duties questioned...

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sooner, but it was hoped that this problem could be solved internally. We are now left with no alternative but to voice our public dissatisfaction and to hope that in bringing this problem to your attention it will be possible to prevent this in the future. I might suggest that next year's student government work with the Council Chairmen in some form to help define such things as the role and function of the Councils and the SAC representatives' relation to them.

Thank you.  
Paul B. Israel, Chairman  
Communicative Arts and  
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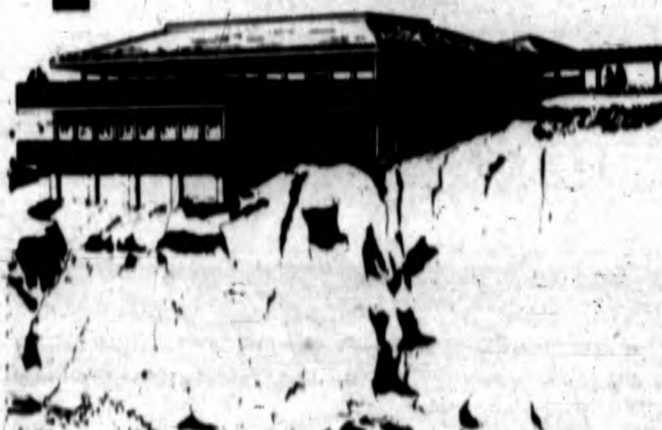
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# Truman: political opportunist

by BOB GRANFELT

Harry Truman gave his own political fortunes a higher priority than he gave the national interest in order to win the nip-and-tuck battle for the presidency in 1948.

This is the conclusion drawn by Cal Poly history professor Dr. John Sneltinger in his recently published book, "Truman, the Jewish Vote and the Creation of Israel." The controversial book is a study of the evolution of Truman's policy regarding the Zionist movement which gained momentum after the Nazi atrocities against Jews during World War II.

The picture Sneltinger paints of Truman is not a flattering one. It depicts a man who was far less concerned with either the welfare of the Jewish state or the American national interest than with his own reelection.

Sneltinger traces Truman's often wavering stance on the concept of a Jewish homeland in Israel from the first days as president in 1945, when he succeeded Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Truman is represented not as an idealistic decision-maker but as a political opportunist who readily switched sides on the issue if it appeared to be to his self-interest.

Sneltinger backs up his contentions with an impressive body of evidence garnered from

the Truman Library and personal interviews with Truman associates.

The book's relevance to both national and international politics today is unquestionable. The issues which Truman and his aides pondered from 1945 to 1948, when Israel was officially recognized as an independent nation, are as alive today as they were then.

The threat of an Arab oil embargo against the U.S., similar to the one imposed last year because of American support of Israel, existed as early as 1946, Sneltinger points out. This was a major concern of the State Department, which feared

the disgruntled Arabs might side with the Soviets, who would then be in a position to usurp American influence in the Middle East.

While State Department officials militated against the Zionist cause in the interest of national security, White House aides close to the president urged him to consider the importance of the Jewish vote in the 1948 congressional elections. It was shortly before the elections that Truman made his first major pro-Zionist decision by calling for the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine.

Truman later hedged on his Zionist commitment, however, as

East-West relations became increasingly strained. He momentarily reversed his earlier position and supported a United Nations trusteeship for Israel.

When a full-scale Arab-Israeli conflict seemed imminent despite his attempt at a compromise he hoped would keep everybody happy, Truman had to take yet another look at the political expediency of his Middle East stance. At the urging of his special counsel, Clark Clifford, the president again reversed his position and recognized the independent state of Israel in order to win back some of the domestic Jewish support he needed to win the 1948 presidential election.

This point Sneltinger so convincingly makes reveals two political realities that may be with us for all time: 1.) Preservation of power can be as powerful a motive for policy formation as national interest, and 2.) Presidential decision-making can be as much a result of pressure applied to the president by warring factions within the government as by the president's own convictions.

## Student health service study set for Poly

The operation of health services for colleges, community colleges and universities will be the subject of the two seminars here in July.

The first, scheduled for July 8-10, will investigate the field of health services for community colleges. The second, scheduled for July 14-16, will cover the management of university and college health services.

The first seminar will cover such subjects as administration, health service relationships, human and personal relations, communications, college business practices, medical insurance and clinical practices.

The seminar on university health services is intended to help campus health

directors confront such problems as manpower shortages and the growing cost of providing health services for students.

The seminars are sponsored by Cal Poly's Student Health Service with the cooperation of the American College Health Association and the Pacific Coast College Health Association.

## Reagan's speech

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thinks I'd do it (pick Reagan) for political reasons is crazy as hell."

Senior Week Committee Chairman Bruce Snow says the group is happy with the selection. But he echoed Kennedy's view that students here want dynamic, controversial and known speakers.

"He'll sure draw a crowd and will be interesting for grads," Snow said. "He's not here as a political speaker but as a speaker the students will enjoy. If he didn't speak here he would've spoken somewhere else. He's not here for a campaign speech."

Other names under

consideration by the committee were anthropologist Margaret Mead, cartoonist Charles Schulz, consumer expert Betty Furness and Claudia Hampton, director of affairs for Los Angeles City Schools.

Snow said the committee was disappointed by the lack of feedback from seniors when it was in the selection process. "We asked people to come in and help out, but got very little response."

Last year's commencement speaker was the star of "Ironside," Raymond Burr. This year's speaker starred in "Bonnie Goes to College" 22 years ago.

## Airport issue resolved . . .

applications would be given only to students and faculty of this University, who would have to prove a direct relationship with the curriculum."

Also student and faculty pilots would have to file a separate application for each takeoff and landing. The airstrip also would continue to have the red "X" markings which make it illegal to land without written permission.

The council voted to reject the Farm Management Club's proposal to allow off-campus checking accounts and retain the present policy which requires clubs to deposit funds in the ASI checking account.

The club felt off-campus checking accounts would earn a higher interest rate and provide easier access to club money.

Roy Gersten, business affairs director, said there were many advantages for keeping accounts on campus. He listed an annual audit of accounts at no cost, an up-to-date record of deposits, permanence of records and a blanket insurance coverage on several of the advantages.

Biblical references on this subject: RO. ROM 11:4, S.L.G. 93405

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## Ag-business major honored as top aggie in senior class

An agricultural business management major, active in student government here, has been named the outstanding senior in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

John de Ruiter was informed of his selection as outstanding senior at the annual leadership banquet held May 23.

A native of Hanford, de Ruiter is chairman of the student council of the School of Agriculture and



JOHN DE RUITER

Natural Resources. He is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, the Student Affairs Council and the dairy cattle judging team.

De Ruiter will return here following his graduation to do graduate work dealing with international agriculture.

"It all means quite a bit to me and came as a complete surprise," he said.

Also honored as outstanding seniors in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources were Gary Caviglia and Garth Hokenson.

## Laser photos move student to build laser

Holography, a relatively new scientific process, may in the future become important in such diversified areas as art and technology. This is the belief of one Cal Poly student involved with it.

A hologram, translated literally means a whole or complete message. For William "Titus" Nelson, senior mechanical engineering major, every hologram tells a story. As he put it, "It captures everything."

Although holography is an extremely complicated process to understand, the end result is

very simple yet beautiful to view. What one sees when a laser beam shines through a holographic plate is a three dimensional figure, appearing to be separate from the plate.

Nelson said that Dr. Ralph Wuerker, a physicist from Los Angeles, who holds a tremendous amount of knowledge in the field, fired up his interest in holography by showing him some holograms.

Nelson was particularly struck with a portrait of a girl. As he put it, "I almost blushed when I saw the face because it seemed as though I was just inches away from it." He added that this type of realism carries over into all types of holograms.

Nelson discussed the possibility of using holography to preserve art objects, produce portraits of people and, in the area of science, make precise measurements. Accuracy is so great that a bullet can be measured and its movement recorded on a hologram. He even cited an example of measuring the growth of a mushroom.

Discussing the cost of getting into holography, Nelson said, "For \$250, a person could get the bare essentials to make a 2 inch by 2 inch hologram of small objects. The quality wouldn't be too good, but the person could learn the basics from it."

Speaking of his plans for the future, Nelson described a pulse laser that he has just completed work on. The laser, about the size of a large telescope, cost approximately \$20,000 with much of the material being donated by industry. With this piece of equipment, he hopes to look into possible applications of holography in engineering. His immediate hope is to successfully make a hologram of a person by the end of the summer.

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Grassroots II operates programs for the low-income community in San Luis Obispo. It also plays a large role in the Senior Citizen Nutrition program operated at Skanner Glen, which feeds 20 to 25 older people in the community daily.

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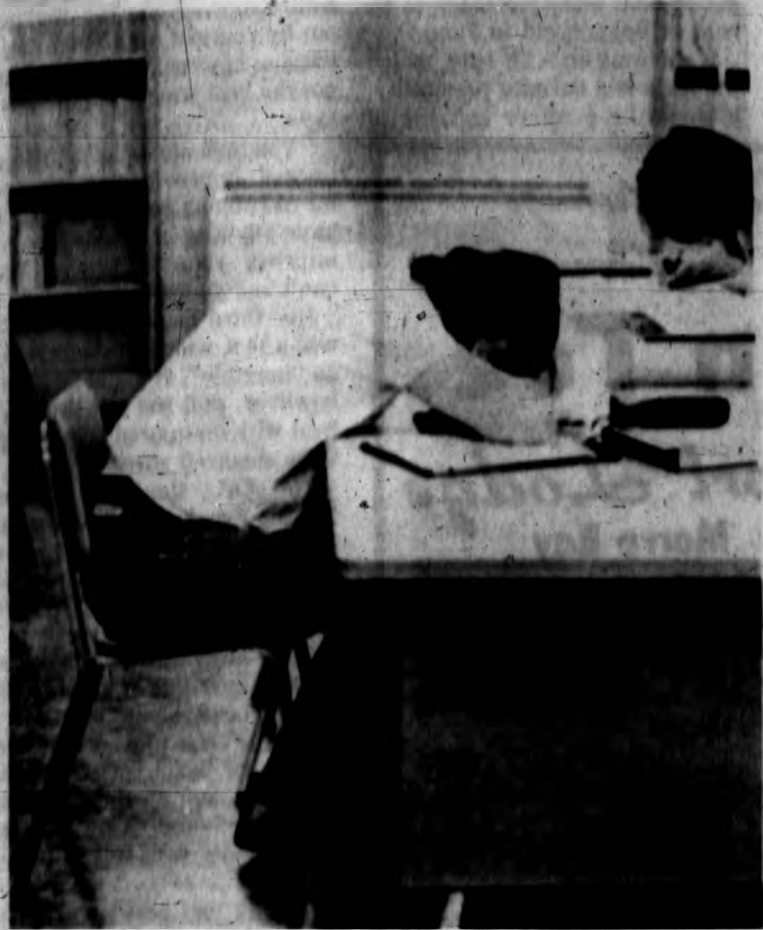
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# Pre-finals blues



Finally finals fly upon us.

They sweep, really... like vultures to consume beings that are already dead after a whole quarter of studying. But that's part of it all.

At this time of year when students are suffering from the pre-final blues, it is not uncommon to find them involved in the dual process of sunning themselves on the campus lawn and studying. It is also not uncommon to find them at a desk, sleeping, their heads buried in books, almost as if they think they can absorb all the knowledge communally.

An awful lot hinges on finals. Sometimes as much as 80 per cent of the grade in a course. Sometimes, though, students do not take the

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Bob Sloan finds a shady spot to crack the books.

instructors warnings seriously. They do not start studying early in the quarter, as they were instructed. These are the students who usually set records for staying up all night for several consecutive days. They soak up more information than a sponge does spilled milk.

And speaking of spilled milk, there's no sense crying. After all those hours of study it takes a little or less time to spit back all that knowledge onto a test. It's sort of anti-climactic. But when you think about it, finals are the world in a small. Most things take a lot of time to prepare, but just a little time to execute.

And speaking of executions...





